Non-release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu

2095. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government wilfully defied the order of the Supreme Court to release Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether a contempt case filed against Karnataka Government by Tamil Nadu Government is still pending with Supreme Court;

(c) whether Karnataka's action led to an extraordinary situation of how to deal with an erring executive by the judiciary; and

(d) whether Centre is taking steps to see sue! piquant situation does not arise in future?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) to (d) For non-compliance of Supreme Court order by Karnataka, the State of Tamil Nadu has filed Contempt Petitions in September and October, 2002 which are before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.The Supreme Court of India during its hearing on 1st November, 2002 had deferred the decision with regard to the action to be taken by the Supreme Court for non-compliance of the Supreme Court's order.

Sardar Sarovar Project

2096. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of share for construction of Sardar Sarovar Project has not been paid by the Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan to the Government of Gujarat;

(b) if so the net amount of share to be paid by these Governments separately;

(c) the reasons for non-payment; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Government in order to emphasise these Governments to pay their respective share to the Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) As per the provisions contained in the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT) Award the participating States are required to pay annually in advance their share cost on the basis of the budgeted amount of the year to be adjusted at the end of the year based on actual expenditure. Subsequently, a decision has been taken in Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee (SSCAC) with the consent of all the participating States that States would release the payment in advance on quarterly basis, based on annual budgetary provisions, instead of yearly. Of the total undisputed project expenditure of Rs. 9735.24 crore at the end of August, 2002, the total share of each of the party States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra is Rs. 1284.04 crore. Rs. 445.55 crore and Rs. 608.24 crore respectively.The three party States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra have paid an amount Rs. 781.53 crore Rs. 125.95 crore and Rs. 478.44 crore respectively.The

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outstanding share of these States of the undisputed share cost of Sardar Sarover Project as on 31st August, 2002 is as under:

Madhya Pradesh	—	Rs. 502.51 crore
Rajasthan	—	Rs. 319.60 crore
Maharashtra	—	Rs. 129.80 crore
TOTAL :		Rs. 951.91 crore

The main reason for non-payment of the undisputed share cost of the project expenditure by the party States has been financial constraint. The Union Government has been making considerable effort through the various forums such as Review Committee of Narmada Control Authority (RCNCA), meeting of Cabinet Secretary with Chief Secretaries of the States, Narmada Control Authority (NCA) and Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee (SSCAC) to persuade the party States to fulfil their financial obligation by making payment of share cost to the State of Gujarat. This issue was also discussed in last RCNCA meeting held on 18.8.2001 under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Water Resources and SSCAC meeting held on 27.06.2002 and NCA meeting held on 22.11.2002.

As a result of these efforts a sum of more than Rs. 400 crore has been released by the States to the Government of Gujarat during the last four years.

Completion of irrigation projects in Madhya Pradesh

†2097. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation projects pending in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh alongwith the details of progress in this regard;

(b) the number of irrigation schemes (large and small) started during each of five year plans and the details of initial cost alongwith the details of the cost at the completion of these schemes; and

(c) the reason of delay in irrigation projects?